

1 TOURISM, ARTS AND HERITAGE CABINET

2 Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

3 (Amendment)

4 301 KAR 2:178. Deer hunting on Wildlife Management Areas, state parks, other public
5 lands, and federally controlled areas.

6 RELATES TO: KRS 150.010, 150.170, 150.340, 150.370(1), 150.990

7 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 148.029(5), 150.025(1), 150.390(1), 150.620

8 NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 148.029(5) authorizes the Department
9 of Parks, in cooperation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, to implement
10 wildlife management plans on state parks. KRS 150.025(1) authorizes the department to
11 promulgate administrative regulations to establish open seasons for the taking of wildlife,
12 to regulate bag limits, and to make these requirements apply to a limited area. KRS
13 150.390(1) prohibits the taking of deer in any manner contrary to any provisions of KRS
14 Chapter 150 or Title 301 KAR. KRS 150.620 authorizes the department to promulgate
15 administrative regulations for the maintenance and operation of the lands it has acquired
16 for public recreation. This administrative regulation establishes deer hunting seasons,
17 application procedures, and other matters pertaining to deer hunting on Wildlife
18 Management Areas, state parks, other public lands, and federally controlled areas that

1 differ from statewide requirements.

2 Section 1. Definitions. (1) "Adult" means a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of
3 age.

4 (2) "Bait" means a substance composed of grains, minerals, salt, fruits, vegetables, hay,
5 or any other food materials, whether natural or manufactured, that may lure, entice, or
6 attract wildlife.

7 (3)[(2)] "Centerfire" means a type of gun[firearm] that detonates a cartridge by the firing
8 pin striking a primer in the middle of the end of the cartridge casing.

9 (4) "Ground blind" means a structure consisting of a frame and a top that is placed on
10 the ground to completely enclose a hunter while hunting deer.

11 (5)[(3)] "In-line muzzleloader[~~muzzleloading gun~~]" means a gun[firearm]:

12 (a) Capable of being loaded only from the discharging end of the barrel or cylinder;

13 and

14 (b) That is equipped with an enclosed ignition system located directly behind the
15 powder charge.

16 (6) "Mentor hunt" means a quota youth hunt in which the adult who accompanies a
17 youth may legally take a deer.

18 (7)[(4)] "Mobility-impaired" means an individual who meets the requirements of 301
19 KAR 3:026, Section 2(1).

20 (8) "Modern gun" means an air gun, rifle, handgun, or shotgun that is loaded from the

1 rear of the barrel.

2 (9)[(5)] "Modern gun[firearm] season" means the ten (10) or sixteen (16) consecutive
3 day period beginning the second Saturday in November during which a modern
4 gun[breech-loading firearms] may be used to take deer pursuant to 301 KAR 2:172.

5 (10) "Muzzleloader" means a rifle, shotgun, or handgun that is loaded from the
6 discharging end of the barrel or discharging end of the cylinder.

7 (11)[(6)] "Quota hunt" means a hunt in which a participant is selected by a random
8 drawing.

9 (12) "Quota youth hunt" means a quota hunt in which a youth is the only person who
10 can legally take a deer.

11 (13)[(7)] "Statewide requirements" mean the season dates, zone descriptions, and other
12 requirements for deer hunting as established in 301 KAR 2:172.

13 (14)[(8)] "Wildlife management area" or "WMA" means a tract of land:

14 (a) Controlled by the department through ownership, lease, license, or cooperative
15 agreement; and

16 (b) That has "Wildlife Management Area" or "WMA" as part of its official name.

17 (15)[(9)] "Youth" means a person under the age of sixteen (16) by the date of the hunt.

18 (16) "Youth gun seasons" means the October youth gun season and the December free
19 youth weekend, as established in 301 KAR 2:172.

20 Section 2. General WMA Requirements. (1) Unless established in this administrative

1 regulation, statewide requirements shall apply.

2 (2) ~~[A hunter shall not take more than one (1) deer per day on a WMA in Zones 2, 3, or~~
3 ~~4, except:~~

4 ~~(a) During a quota hunt; or~~

5 ~~(b) The Grayson Lake WMA open youth deer hunt.~~

6 ~~(3)]~~ Except as established in Section 6 of this administrative regulation, if a WMA is in
7 two (2) or more deer hunting zones as established in 301 KAR 2:172, then the WMA shall
8 be regulated by the most liberal zone requirements of the zones in which it lies.

9 ~~(3)[(4)]~~ Deer hunting on WMAs listed in Section 6 of this administrative regulation shall
10 be permitted only as established in this administrative regulation, except archery and
11 crossbow hunting shall be allowed pursuant to the statewide ~~[archery]~~ requirements
12 established in 301 KAR 2:172, unless otherwise noted.

13 (4) If a WMA is:

14 (a) Listed in Section 6 of this administrative regulation, then gun hunting shall be
15 prohibited, unless otherwise noted; and

16 (b) Not listed in Section 6 of this administrative regulation, then statewide deer hunting
17 requirements shall apply.

18 (5) An antlerless deer shall not count against a person's statewide or zone bag limit if
19 harvested during:

20 (a) The Grayson Lake WMA open youth hunt; or

- 1 (b) ~~[West Kentucky WMA firearms hunts; or~~
2 ~~(c)]~~ Any WMA or state park either-sex quota hunt.
- 3 (6) An open gun~~[firearm]~~ deer hunt, beginning on the Wednesday following the third
4 Monday in January for ten (10) consecutive days, shall:
- 5 (a) Be limited to members of the United States Armed Forces and the National Guard
6 and reserve component who:
- 7 1. Are residents of Kentucky or nonresidents stationed in Kentucky; and
8 2. Were deployed out-of-country during any portion of the most recent regular
9 statewide deer season;
- 10 (b) Only be on a WMA designated as open for this special hunt; and
11 (c) Be pursuant~~[according]~~ to statewide requirements established in 301 KAR 2:172.
- 12 (7) On all WMAs and Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, a person:
- 13 (a) Attaching a tree stand or climbing a tree shall not use a:
- 14 1. Nail;
15 2. Spike;
16 3. Screw-in device;
17 4. Wire; or
18 5. Tree climber;
- 19 (b) May use a portable stand or climbing device ~~[that shall not injure a tree];~~
20 (c) ~~[1.]~~ Shall;

- 1 1. Not place a portable stand in a tree more than two (2) weeks before opening day;
- 2 and
- 3 2.~~[Shall]~~ Remove a portable stand~~[it]~~ within one (1) week following the last day of each
- 4 hunting period;
- 5 (d) Shall plainly mark the portable stand with the hunter's name and address;
- 6 (e) Shall not use an existing permanent tree stand; ~~[and]~~
- 7 (f) Shall not place, distribute, or hunt over bait; and
- 8 (g) Shall not hunt in a ground blind, if gun deer hunting is allowed, without first
- 9 attaching a hat or vest made of solid, unbroken hunter orange material to the blind so
- 10 that it is visible from all sides.
- 11 (8) A person without a valid quota hunt confirmation number shall not enter a WMA
- 12 during a quota hunt on that area except:
- 13 (a) To travel through a WMA on an established road or to use an area designated open
- 14 by a sign; ~~[or]~~
- 15 (b) To accompany a youth who is hunting in a youth or mentor quota hunt;
- 16 (c) That one (1) assistant, who shall not be required to have applied for the quota hunt,
- 17 may accompany a hunter who was drawn to hunt, but shall check in and out as established
- 18 in Section 5 of this administrative regulation; or
- 19 (d) To participate in small game hunting or the October shotgun segment of the fall
- 20 turkey season during the archery and crossbow quota hunt on Big Rivers WMA.

1 (9) Except for waterfowl or dove hunting, or legal hunting at night, a person who is
2 hunting any species, or a person who is accompanying a hunter, shall wear hunter orange
3 clothing pursuant to 301 KAR 2:172 while:

4 (a) On a WMA if gun~~[while firearms]~~ deer hunting is allowed;

5 (b) Hunting within the sixteen (16) county elk zone when a firearms elk season is open,
6 pursuant to 301 KAR 2:132; or

7 (c) Hunting within the bear zone during a bear firearms season, pursuant to 301 KAR
8 2:300.

9 Section 3. General Quota Hunt Procedures. (1) A quota hunt applicant who is not
10 selected and applies to hunt the following year shall be given one (1) preference point for
11 each year the applicant was not selected.

12 (2) If selected for a quota hunt, a person shall lose all accumulated preference points.

13 (3) A random selection of hunters with preference points shall be made for each year's
14 quota hunts before those without preference points are chosen.

15 (4) A person shall forfeit all accumulated preference points if, in a given year, the person
16 does not apply for or is ineligible to apply for:

17 (a) A deer quota hunt; and

18 (b) The no-hunt option.

19 (5) A person who applies for the no-hunt option shall:

20 (a) Not be drawn for a quota hunt; and

(b) Be given one (1) preference point for each year the no-hunt option is selected.

(6) If applying as a party:

(a) Each applicant's preference points shall be independent of each other; and

(b) The entire party shall be selected if one (1) member of the party is selected.

(7) The commissioner shall extend the application deadline if technical difficulties with the automated application system prevent applications from being accepted for one (1) or more days during the application period.

(8) A hunter may take up to two (2) deer on a quota hunt in Zones 2, 3, and 4, only one (1) of which may be an antlered deer, except as established in Section 6 of this administrative regulation.

(9) If a hunter has purchased the appropriate permits, a hunter may take unlimited antlerless deer in:

(a) The West Kentucky WMA gun hunt~~[firearms season]~~;

(b) WMA quota hunts in Zone 1; and

(c) State Park quota hunts in Zone 1, except as established in Section 8 of this administrative regulation.

(10) One (1) person shall be drawn from the eligible quota hunt applicants who were not selected in the original drawing, and shall receive one (1) deer permit that carries with it all the privileges of the Special Commission Permit established in 301 KAR 3:100.

Section 4. Quota Hunt Application Process. A person applying for a quota hunt shall:

- 1 (1) Call the toll free number listed in the current fall hunting and trapping guide or
2 apply online at fw.ky.gov by completing the Quota Hunt Application: Deer Quota Hunt
3 Form, between September 1 and September 30;
- 4 (2) Enter each applicant's Social Security number;
- 5 (3) Select:
- 6 (a) A first and second choice of hunts; or
- 7 (b) The no-hunt option;
- 8 (4) Pay a three (3) dollar application fee for each applicant, prior to the draw by:
- 9 (a) Electronic funds transfer;
- 10 (b) Visa Card;
- 11 (c) Master Card; or
- 12 (d) Discover Card;
- 13 (5) Not apply more than one (1) time; and
- 14 (6) Not apply as a group of more than five (5) persons[; ~~and~~
- 15 ~~(7) Not be eligible to participate in a quota hunt unless:~~
- 16 ~~(a) Selected pursuant to this administrative regulation; or~~
- 17 ~~(b) Accompanying a drawn hunter].~~
- 18 Section 5. Quota Hunt Participant Requirements. Except as otherwise established in this
- 19 administrative regulation, a person selected to participate in a quota hunt shall:
- 20 (1) Possess, unless exempted pursuant to KRS 150.170:

- 1 (a) A valid annual Kentucky hunting license; and
- 2 (b) A deer permit that authorizes the taking of deer with the equipment being used
- 3 and in accordance with the zone restrictions where the hunt will occur;
- 4 (2) Hunt on the assigned dates and in assigned areas selected by a random drawing of
- 5 applicants if applicable;
- 6 (3) Comply with hunting equipment restrictions specified by the type of hunt;
- 7 (4) Check in at the designated check station prior to hunting:
- 8 (a) Either:
- 9 1. On the day before the hunt, between noon and 8 p.m. local time; or
- 10 2. On the day of the hunt, between 5:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Eastern time; and
- 11 (b) With documentation of the participant's:
- 12 1. Social Security number or draw confirmation number; and
- 13 2. Purchase of a current license or permit which allows or includes statewide deer
- 14 hunting privileges;
- 15 (5) Check out at the designated check station:
- 16 (a) If finished hunting;
- 17 (b) If the hunter's bag limit is reached; or
- 18 (c) By 8 p.m. Eastern time on the final day of the hunt;
- 19 (6) Take a harvested deer to the designated check station by 8 p.m. Eastern time the
- 20 day the deer was harvested;

1 (7) Be declared ineligible to apply for the next year's drawing if the hunter or the
2 hunter's assistant fails to check out properly; and

3 (8) Comply with all species quota hunt requirements or be ineligible to apply for any
4 quota hunt or no-hunt option for these species the following year.

5 Section 6. Wildlife Management Area Requirements. (1) Dr. Norman and Martha Adair
6 WMA. ~~[The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.]~~

7 (2) Ballard WMA.

8 (a) On the main tract, the quota hunt shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning
9 on the first Saturday in November.

10 (b) On the main tract, the archery, crossbow, and October youth gun[firearm] seasons
11 shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements through October 14, except that the
12 two (2) mile driving loop marked by signs shall be closed to all hunting.

13 (c) The archery, crossbow, modern gun[firearm], youth gun[firearm], and muzzleloader
14 seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements only on the 400-acre tract
15 south of Sallie Crice Road.

16 (d) ~~[A hunter shall not take a deer with antlers that have an outside spread less than~~
17 ~~fifteen (15) inches.~~

18 (e)] A quota hunt participant shall be given one (1) preference point for each female
19 deer checked in, up to a maximum of four (4) points.

20 (3) Barren River WMA. The area shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements

1 except that on the Peninsula Unit, including Narrows, Goose, and Grass Islands, a person
2 shall not hunt deer with a modern gun[firearm].

3 (4) Beaver Creek WMA.

4 (a) The quota hunt shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in
5 November.

6 (b) The limit shall be one (1) antlered deer during the quota hunt.

7 (c) The youth gun seasons[~~crossbow season~~] shall be open pursuant to statewide
8 requirements.

9 (5) Big Rivers WMA.

10 (a) The youth gun seasons[~~firearms season~~] shall be open pursuant to statewide
11 requirements.

12 (b) [~~The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements, except~~
13 ~~that it shall be closed during the archery and crossbow quota hunt as established in~~
14 ~~paragraph (d) of this subsection.~~

15 (e)] There shall be a quota hunt for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first
16 Saturday in November.

17 (c) The archery and crossbow quota hunt shall begin the Monday following the second
18 Saturday in October and continue through November 30, except that it shall be closed
19 during the two (2) day quota hunt as established in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

20 (d) Pursuant to 301 KAR 2:172, any deer taken in the quota hunt established in

1 paragraph (c) of this subsection shall be:

2 1. Telechecked; or

3 2. Checked in on the department's Web site at fw.ky.gov~~[(d) There shall be an archery~~
4 ~~and crossbow quota hunt beginning the Monday following the second Saturday in~~
5 ~~October and continuing through November 30, except that it shall be closed during the~~
6 ~~two (2) day quota hunt as established in paragraph (c) of this subsection].~~

7 (6) Boatwright WMA. The area shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements,
8 except that on the Swan Lake Unit the:

9 (a) ~~[On the Swan Lake Unit the]~~ Archery, October youth gun, and crossbow
10 seasons~~[season]~~ shall only be open~~[pursuant to statewide requirements]~~ through October
11 14; and

12 (b) December free youth weekend shall be closed~~[The October youth deer season shall~~
13 ~~be open pursuant to statewide requirements].~~

14 (7) Cedar Creek Lake WMA. ~~[The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide~~
15 ~~requirements.]~~

16 (8) Clay WMA.

17 (a) On the main tract, ~~[crossbow,~~ muzzleloader~~]~~ and youth gun~~[firearm]~~ seasons shall
18 be open pursuant to statewide requirements, except archery hunting shall be prohibited
19 during the quota fox hunting field trials as established in 301 KAR 2:049.

20 (b) The remainder of the WMA shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements for

1 the archery, crossbow, muzzleloader, and youth gun seasons, except during the quota
2 deer hunt.

3 (c) The quota hunt shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in
4 November.

5 (d) A quota hunt participant shall be given one (1) preference point for each female
6 deer checked-in, up to a maximum of four (4) points.

7 (e) Hunters drawn for the quota hunt may harvest up to four (4) deer, only one (1) of
8 which may be antlered.

9 (9) Dewey Lake WMA.

10 (a) The December muzzleloader~~[crossbow]~~ and youth gun~~[firearm]~~ seasons shall be
11 open pursuant to statewide requirements.

12 (b) Guns~~[The use of firearms]~~ shall be prohibited for deer hunting on the:

13 1. Western side of the lake, north of the Terry Boat Ramp; and

14 2. Eastern side of the lake, north of the ridge that begins across the lake from the Terry
15 Boat Ramp, and extends eastward to the WMA boundary.

16 (c) ~~[A deer hunter shall not take a deer with antlers that have an outside spread less~~
17 ~~than fifteen (15) inches.~~

18 ~~(d)]~~ There shall be a quota hunt for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first
19 Saturday in December.

20 ~~(d)]~~~~(e)]~~ There shall be a one (1) deer limit during the quota hunt.

1 (10) Dix River WMA. The ~~[crossbow]~~ youth gun~~[firearm]~~ and muzzleloader seasons
2 shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

3 (11) Fishtrap Lake WMA.

4 (a) The quota hunt shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning on the Saturday
5 before Thanksgiving.

6 (b) The limit for the quota hunt shall be one (1) deer.

7 (c) The ~~[crossbow and]~~ youth gun and December muzzleloader seasons~~[firearm season]~~
8 shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

9 (12) Grayson Lake WMA.

10 (a) An open youth hunt shall:

11 1. Be the first Saturday in November for two (2) consecutive days; and

12 2. Have a two (2) deer bag limit, only one (1) of which may be an antlered deer.

13 (b) A person who has not checked in shall not enter the Grayson Lake WMA during the
14 open youth hunt, except to:

15 1. Travel through the WMA on an established public road; or

16 2. Use an area designated as open by signs.

17 (c) The property of Camp Webb shall be open for a mobility-impaired deer hunting
18 event during the first weekend of October.

19 (d) The crossbow season~~[hunt]~~ shall be from the first Saturday in September through
20 the third Monday in January, except that the archery and crossbow seasons shall be closed

1 during the November open youth hunt.

2 (e) The [statewide] youth gun seasons~~[firearm season]~~ shall be open pursuant to
3 statewide requirements.

4 (f) The December muzzleloader season shall be open pursuant to statewide
5 requirements.

6 (13) Green River Lake WMA and Dennis-Gray WMA.

7 (a) The youth gun seasons ~~[crossbow season]~~ shall be open pursuant to statewide
8 requirements.

9 (b) The quota hunt shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in
10 November.

11 (c) Fifteen (15) openings shall be reserved in the quota hunt for mobility-impaired
12 persons.

13 (d) ~~[A deer hunter shall not take a deer with antlers that have an outside spread less~~
14 ~~than fifteen (15) inches.~~

15 (e)] The Green River Lake and Dennis-Gray WMAs shall be considered to be located in
16 the Eastern Time Zone.

17 (14) Griffith Woods WMA. The December muzzleloader ~~[crossbow]~~ and youth
18 gun~~[firearms]~~ seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

19 (15) Higginson-Henry WMA.

20 The youth gun~~[firearm and crossbow deer]~~ seasons shall be open pursuant to

1 statewide requirements.

2 (16) J.C. Williams WMA. The December muzzleloader~~[crossbow]~~ and youth gun~~[firearm]~~
3 seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

4 (17) Kentucky River WMA.

5 (a) The December muzzleloader~~[crossbow]~~ and youth gun~~[firearm]~~ seasons shall be
6 open pursuant to statewide requirements.

7 (b) There shall be a quota hunt for two (2) consecutive days beginning on the first
8 Saturday in November.

9 (18) Kleber WMA.

10 (a) ~~[The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements, except~~
11 ~~during a quota hunt.]~~

12 ~~[(b)]~~ The quota hunts shall be for:

13 1. Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in November; and

14 2. Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in December.

15 ~~(b)[(c)]~~ The youth gun and December muzzleloader seasons~~[firearm season]~~ shall be
16 open pursuant to statewide requirements.

17 (19) Knobs State Forest WMA. The December muzzleloader ~~[crossbow]~~ and youth gun
18 seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

19 (20) Lake Barkley WMA shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements except:

20 (a) The North Refuge shall be closed from November 1 to February 15; and

1 (b) Duck Island shall be closed from October 15 to March 15, except that it shall be
2 open for the October muzzleloader season, pursuant to statewide requirements.

3 (21) Livingston County WMA. The ~~[crossbow]~~ youth gun[firearm], muzzleloader, and
4 modern gun[firearm] seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements, except
5 a person shall not hunt deer with a modern gun[firearm] during the modern gun[firearm]
6 deer season.

7 (22) Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA. The December muzzleloader~~[crossbow]~~ and youth
8 gun[firearms] seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

9 (23) Mill Creek WMA.

10 (a) The youth gun seasons~~[crossbow season]~~ shall be open pursuant to statewide
11 requirements.

12 (b) The modern gun season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements for two

13 (2) consecutive days beginning the second Saturday in November~~[The quota hunt shall:~~

14 ~~1. Be for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in November; and~~

15 ~~2. Have a one (1) deer bag limit].~~

16 (24) Miller-Welch Central Kentucky WMA. The archery and crossbow seasons shall be
17 open pursuant to statewide requirements:

18 (a) On Monday through Thursday, from the first Saturday in September through
19 December 17, except during scheduled field trials as posted on the area bulletin board;

20 and

(b) December 18 through the third Monday in January.

(25) Mud Camp Creek WMA. The ~~[crossbow,]~~ youth gun~~[firearm,]~~ and muzzleloader seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

(26) Mullins WMA. The youth gun and December muzzleloader seasons~~[crossbow season]~~ shall be open pursuant to statewide deer requirements.

(27) Ohio River Islands WMA, Stewart Island Unit.

(a) The muzzleloader season shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning the third Saturday in October.

(b) The archery season shall be from the first Saturday in September through October 14.

(c) The crossbow season shall be from October 1 through October 14.

(d) The October youth gun season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

(e) The remainder of the WMA shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

(28) Paintsville Lake WMA.

(a) The quota hunt shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in November.

(b) The December muzzleloader ~~[crossbow]~~ and youth gun~~[firearm]~~ seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

(c) A person shall not use a gun~~[firearms]~~ for deer hunting on:

1. The area extending eastward from the drainage of Glade Branch, along the north

1 edge of the lake, to the No Hunting Area surrounding Rocky Knob Recreation Area and
2 enclosing all property from the WMA boundary downslope to the lake edge; and

3 2. The islands to the south and that portion of the area extending eastward along the
4 south edge of the lake from the drainage of Shoal Branch to the No Hunting Area
5 surrounding the dam and ranger station, and extending downslope to the edge of the
6 lake.

7 ~~[(d) A deer hunter shall not take a deer with antlers that have an outside spread less~~
8 ~~than fifteen (15) inches.]~~

9 (29) Peabody WMA.

10 (a) The ~~[crossbow]~~ youth gun~~[firearms]~~ and muzzleloader seasons shall be open
11 pursuant to statewide requirements.

12 (b) The modern gun~~[firearm]~~ season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements
13 for ten (10) consecutive days beginning the second Saturday in November.

14 (30) Pennyrite State Forest-Tradewater WMA.

15 ~~[(a) The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.]~~

16 ~~[(b)]~~ The quota hunt shall be for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday
17 in November.

18 (31) Ping-Sinking Valley WMA. The December muzzleloader and youth gun seasons
19 shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

20 (32) ~~[(c) A deer hunter shall not take a deer with antlers that have an outside spread~~

1 ~~less than fifteen (15) inches.~~

2 ~~(31)] Pioneer Weapons WMA. Statewide requirements shall apply except that a person:~~

3 (a) Shall not use a modern gun~~[firearm]~~;

4 (b) Shall not use an in-line muzzleloader~~[muzzleloading gun]~~;

5 (c) Shall not use a scope;

6 (d) May use a crossbow during the entire archery season; and

7 (e) Shall use only open or iron sights on any weapon.

8 ~~(33)]~~~~(32)] Redbird WMA.~~

9 (a) The youth gun seasons~~[crossbow season]~~ shall be open pursuant to statewide
10 requirements.

11 (b) The modern gun~~[firearm]~~ season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements
12 for two (2) consecutive days beginning the second Saturday in November.

13 ~~(34)]~~~~(33)] Dr. James R. Rich WMA.~~

14 (a) There shall be a~~[The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide~~
15 ~~requirements, except during a quota hunt.~~

16 (b) The] quota hunt ~~[hunts shall be]~~ for two (2) consecutive days beginning on the first
17 Saturday in:

18 1. ~~[Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in]~~ November; and

19 2. ~~[Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in]~~ December; and

20 (b)~~(c)]~~ The youth gun and December muzzleloader seasons~~[firearm season]~~ shall be

1 open pursuant to statewide requirements.

2 ~~(35)~~~~[(34)]~~ Robinson Forest WMA.

3 (a) A person shall not hunt deer on the main block of Robinson Forest.

4 (b) The remainder of the WMA shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

5 (36) Rockcastle River WMA.

6 (a) The youth gun seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

7 (b) The modern gun season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements for two

8 (2) consecutive days beginning the second Saturday in November.

9 ~~(37)~~~~[(35)]~~ ~~Sinking Valley WMA. The crossbow and youth firearms seasons shall be open~~
10 ~~pursuant to statewide requirements.~~

11 ~~(36)~~ Sloughs WMA.

12 (a) On the Sauerheber Unit, the archery, crossbow, muzzleloader, and youth
13 gun~~[firearm]~~ seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements through October
14 31, except that the Crenshaw and Duncan II Tracts shall be open pursuant to statewide
15 requirements through the end of modern gun~~[firearm]~~ season.

16 (b) The remainder of the WMA shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

17 (38)~~[(37)]~~ South Shore WMA.

18 (a) The youth gun~~[firearm]~~, October muzzleloader, and modern gun~~[firearm]~~ seasons
19 shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements through November 14, except that the
20 use of centerfire rifles and handguns shall be prohibited.

1 (b) The archery and crossbow seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide
2 requirements, except that the area shall be closed November 15 through January 15.

3 (c) The December free youth weekend and December muzzleloader season shall be
4 closed.

5 (39)[(38)] T.N. Sullivan WMA. The youth gun and December muzzleloader seasons
6 [crossbow season] shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

7 (40)[(39)] R.F. Tarter WMA. The [crossbow,] youth gun[firearm,] and muzzleloader
8 seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

9 (41)[(40)] Taylorsville Lake WMA.

10 (a) There shall be a quota hunt for two consecutive days beginning the first Saturday
11 in:

12 [1. Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in] November; and [for
13 antlerless deer;

14 2. [Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in] December; and

15 3. Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in January].

16 (b) Seven (7) openings shall be reserved in each quota hunt for mobility-impaired
17 persons.

18 (c) The youth gun and December muzzleloader seasons [firearm season] shall be open
19 pursuant to statewide requirements.

20 (42)[(d)] The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

1 (e) A participant in the November antlerless-only quota hunt shall be given one (1)
2 preference point for each female deer checked in, up to four (4).
3 (41) Twin Eagle WMA. The youth gun and December muzzleloader seasons [crossbow
4 season] shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.
5 (43)[(42)] Paul Van Booven WMA. [The crossbow season shall be open pursuant to
6 statewide requirements.]
7 (44)[(43)] Veteran's Memorial WMA.
8 (a) The December muzzleloader [crossbow,] and youth gun [firearms] seasons shall be
9 open pursuant to statewide requirements.
10 (b) There shall be a quota hunt for two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday
11 in:
12 1. [Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in] November; and
13 2. [Two (2) consecutive days beginning the first Saturday in] December for antlerless
14 deer.
15 (c) A participant in the December antlerless-only quota hunt shall be given one (1)
16 preference point for each female deer checked in, up to a maximum of four (4) points.
17 (45)[(44)] West Kentucky WMA.
18 (a) All tracts shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements for the archery and
19 crossbow seasons, except that the statewide archery and crossbow seasons [all tracts] shall
20 be closed [to archery and crossbow hunting] during department administered quota,

1 mentor, and gun~~[firearm]~~ deer hunts.

2 (b) Tracts 1-6 shall be open to shotgun and muzzleloader hunters participating in the
3 quota and open gun~~[firearm]~~ deer hunts.

4 (c) Tract 7 and "A" tracts~~[Tracts]~~ shall not be open for department administered quota
5 or gun~~[firearm]~~ deer hunts, except as established in paragraph (d) of this subsection.

6 (d) The "A" tracts shall be open to shotgun hunters participating in the mentor hunt.

7 (e) The quota hunt shall be for four (4)~~[five (5)]~~ consecutive days beginning the Saturday
8 prior to Thanksgiving.

9 (f) There shall be a mentor hunt for four (4) consecutive days beginning the Saturday
10 prior to Thanksgiving in which:

11 1. There shall be no more than two (2) youths per adult;

12 2. There shall be no more than one (1) adult per youth; and

13 3. The adult may take a deer.

14 (g)~~(e)~~ The gun hunt~~[firearms season]~~ shall:

15 1. Be for three (3) consecutive days beginning the Saturday preceding the third Monday
16 in January;

17 2. Require a hunter to check-in at a designated check station from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
18 Central Time on the day before the hunt or between 4:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Central Time on
19 hunt days;

20 3. Require a hunter to check out at the designated check station:

1 a. When finished hunting; or

2 b. By 7 p.m. Central time on the final day of the hunt;

3 4. Have an unlimited bag limit, only one (1) of which may be an antlered deer; and

4 5. Require every person to check in during the gun hunt~~[firearms season]~~, except for:

5 a. A person traveling on an established public road; or

6 b. A person in an area designated as open by signs.

7 (h) ~~Gun~~~~(f)~~ Firearm] hunters shall not use centerfire rifles or handguns.

8 (i)~~(g)~~ All persons shall check in daily at the designated check-in locations before
9 entering the "A" tracts.

10 (j)~~(h)~~ A deer hunter shall not take a deer with antlers that have an outside spread of
11 less than fifteen (15) inches.

12 (k) A participant in the quota hunt, mentor hunt, or open gun hunt~~[firearms season]~~
13 shall:

14 1. Sign in for the hunting tract of his or her choice at check-in prior to each day's hunt;

15 and

16 2. Except after noon, not hunt outside of that tract.

17 (46)~~(45)~~ Yatesville WMA.

18 (a) The ~~[crossbow,]~~ youth gun~~[firearm,]~~ and muzzleloader seasons shall be open
19 pursuant to statewide requirements.

20 (b) The modern gun~~[firearm]~~ season shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements

1 for ten (10) consecutive days beginning the second Saturday in November.

2 (47)[(46)] Yellowbank WMA. The December muzzleloader [crossbow] and youth
3 gun[firearm] deer seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide requirements.

4 Section 7. State Park Deer Seasons. (1) A state park may allow archery and crossbow
5 hunting from the first Saturday in September through the third Monday in January for
6 antlered or antlerless deer.

7 (2) A state park may allow up to sixteen (16) days of modern gun[firearm] hunting and
8 up to eleven (11) days of muzzleloader hunting from the first Saturday in September
9 through the third Monday in January for antlered or antlerless deer.

10 (3) A state park shall be open to deer hunting as established in this subsection and
11 Section 8 of this administrative regulation.

12 (a) Lake Barkley State Resort Park. Deer hunting shall be allowed beginning[permitted]
13 on the second Tuesday of January for two (2) consecutive days.

14 (b) Greenbo Lake State Resort Park. Deer hunting shall be allowed
15 beginning[permitted] on the:

16 1. First Friday of November for three (3) consecutive days;

17 2. Second Friday of November for three (3) consecutive days; and

18 3. Second Tuesday of January for two (2) consecutive days.

19 (c) Green River Lake State Park.

20 1. Archery and crossbow deer hunting shall be allowed[permitted] beginning on the

1 ~~first~~[second] Thursday of December for four (4) consecutive days.

2 2. Archery and crossbow deer hunting shall be allowed[permitted] beginning on the

3 second[third] Thursday of December for four (4) consecutive days.

4 ~~[3. A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with antlers having an outside spread~~

5 ~~less than fifteen (15) inches.]~~

6 (d) Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park.

7 1. Youth deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the second Saturday of December

8 for two (2) consecutive days.

9 2. Deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the first Saturday of January for two (2)

10 consecutive days.

11 (e) Kenlake State Resort Park. Archery and crossbow deer hunting shall be allowed

12 beginning on the second Thursday of November for four (4) consecutive days.

13 (f) Kincaid Lake State Park.

14 1. Archery and crossbow hunting shall be allowed beginning on the second Thursday

15 of December for four (4) consecutive days.

16 2. Archery and crossbow deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on the third Thursday

17 of December for four (4) consecutive days.

18 (g) Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site. Deer hunting shall be allowed beginning on

19 the first Saturday of November for two (2) consecutive days.

20 (h) Yatesville Lake State Park. Muzzleloader[Muzzleloading firearm], archery, and

1 crossbow deer hunting shall be allowed~~[permitted]~~ pursuant to statewide deer
2 requirements on the second Monday of December for three (3) consecutive days.

3 ~~(i)[(e)]~~ Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

4 1. Deer hunting shall be allowed beginning~~[permitted]~~ on the first Saturday of January
5 for two (2) consecutive days.

6 2. The bag limit shall be two (2) deer, only one (1) of which may be antlered.

7 3. The hunt shall be open to the first fifteen (15) mobility-impaired persons who check
8 in at the park on the day before the hunt.

9 4. A person who participates in the hunt shall comply with the requirements established
10 in 301 KAR 3:026.

11 ~~[5. A deer hunter shall not take an antlered deer with antlers having an outside spread~~
12 ~~less than fifteen (15) inches.]~~

13 Section 8. State Park Deer Hunt Requirements. (1) ~~[Except for the open hunts at Jenny~~
14 ~~Wiley State Resort Park and Yatesville Lake State Park,]~~ A person shall not hunt on a state
15 park unless:

16 (a) Selected by a random drawing as established in Section 3 of this administrative
17 regulation;

18 (b) The person is a member of a successful applicant's quota hunt~~[hunting]~~ party; ~~[or]~~

19 (c) The person is participating in a deer hunt established in Section 7 of this
20 administrative regulation; or

1 (d) The person successfully registers on a first-come, first-served basis~~[was selected]~~ as
2 part of a process administered by the Department of Parks, at an area established in
3 subparagraphs 1. through 5. of this paragraph:

4 1. Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park;

5 2. Carter Caves State Resort Park;

6 3. John James Audubon State Park;

7 4. My Old Kentucky Home State Park; and

8 5. Taylorsville Lake State Park~~[pursuant to Section 7 of this administrative regulation].~~

9 (2) A person participating in a state park quota hunt, except for the quota hunts at
10 Green River Lake State Park and the Yatesville Lake State Park open deer hunt, shall:

11 (a) Check in and check out as required in Section 5 of this administrative regulation;

12 (b) Furnish at check-in a driver's license or other form of government-issued
13 identification;

14 (c) Check in:

15 1. Between noon and 8 p.m. Eastern Time the day before the hunt at the state park
16 campground if hunting in the Yatesville Lake State Park open deer hunt; or

17 2. At the park the day before the hunt if hunting in the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
18 deer hunt; and

19 (d) Not be eligible to apply for a quota hunt the following year if the person does not
20 check out as required in Section 5 of this administrative regulation.

1 (3) A person participating in a state park deer hunt shall:

2 (a) Comply with the requirements established in~~[provisions of]~~ 301 KAR 2:172; and

3 (b) Check a harvested deer by completing the telecheck or online check-in process as
4 established in 301 KAR 2:172~~[daily at the designated park check station, except that deer~~
5 ~~taken in the Green River Lake State Park quota hunts and the open hunts at Jenny Wiley~~
6 ~~State Resort Park and Yatesville Lake State Park shall be telechecked or checked in on the~~
7 ~~department's Web site at fw.ky.gov, pursuant to 301 KAR 2:172].~~

8 (4) A person participating in a state park deer hunt shall not:

9 (a) Take more than ~~[two (2) deer in a quota hunt, only]~~ one (1) ~~[of which may be]~~
10 antlered deer;

11 (b) Hunt over bait;

12 (c) Use~~[Injure a tree by using]~~:

13 1. A tree stand except a portable stand;

14 2. Climbing devices that nail or screw to the tree; or

15 3. Climbing spikes;

16 (d) Leave a deer stand unattended for more than twenty-four (24) hours;

17 (e) Discharge a gun~~[firearm]~~ within 100 yards of a maintained road or building; or

18 (f) Hunt:

19 1. In an area posted as closed by signs; ~~[or]~~

20 2. Outside park boundaries; or

1 3. From a ground blind, if gun deer hunting is allowed, unless first attaching a hat or
2 vest made of solid, unbroken hunter orange material to the blind so that it is visible from
3 all sides.

4 (5) A person participating in a state park deer hunt, other than the open hunts at Jenny
5 Wiley State Resort Park and Yatesville Lake State Park and any department-administered
6 state park quota hunt, may take up to two (2) bonus deer per hunt that shall not count
7 toward the statewide limit if the person:

8 (a) Takes no more than one (1) bonus antlered deer per license year; and

9 (b) Obtains the valid bonus deer tag from the state park hunt administrators.

10 (6) A person participating in a state park deer hunt or in possession of harvested wildlife
11 on state park property shall comply with all posted state park rules and regulations
12 concerning the possession, storage, or disposal of harvested wildlife.

13 Section 9. Other Public Lands. (1) On Daniel Boone National Forest, Jefferson National
14 Forest, and Land Between the Lakes, a person shall not use bait, feed, minerals, or other
15 attractants.

16 (2) The areas established in paragraphs (a) through (g) of this subsection may schedule
17 a gun[firearm], crossbow, or archery deer hunting season between September 1 and
18 January 31:

19 (a) Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area;

20 (b) Clark's River National Wildlife Refuge;

1 (c) Daniel Boone National Forest;

2 (d) Jefferson National Forest;

3 (e) Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area;

4 (f) Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge; and

5 (g) Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge.

6 (3) An area listed in subsection (2) of this section may issue a bonus permit for antlered
7 or antlerless deer, which shall:

8 (a) Not count against a hunter's statewide bag limit; and

9 (b) Only be issued for a hunt that is open to the general public.

10 (4) At Land Between the Lakes, a person:

11 (a) Shall not take more than:

12 1. Two (2) deer during archery hunts; and

13 2. One (1) deer during quota hunts;

14 (b) Who is a quota deer hunter shall:

15 1. Apply in advance at Land Between the Lakes; and

16 2. Only hunt from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until one-half (1/2) hour after
17 sunset; and

18 (c) Who harvests a deer shall:

19 1. Check in the carcass pursuant to U.S. Forest Service requirements; and

20 2. Affix a game check card pursuant to U.S. Forest Service requirements.

1 (5) At Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge:

2 (a) Zone 1 bag limits shall apply during the open archery season;

3 (b) A person shall not take more than two (2) deer by gun[firearm], only one (1) of
4 which shall be antlered;

5 (c) A quota hunt participant shall:

6 1. Tag deer with a tag issued by the Refuge; and

7 2. Comply with the Refuge check-in requirements; and

8 (d) A person who is archery hunting shall:

9 1. Only take deer using the appropriate statewide or additional deer permit; and

10 2. Check harvested deer through the department's telephone or online check-in
11 systems.

12 (6) At Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area:

13 (a) The archery and crossbow seasons shall be open pursuant to statewide
14 requirements; and

15 (b) There shall be a quota hunt for two (2) consecutive days beginning the second
16 Saturday in December.

17 (7) At Twin Knobs Campground, the area shall be closed to all statewide seasons, except
18 that there shall be a quota hunt on the second Saturday in December during odd-
19 numbered years for mobility-impaired persons.

20 (8) At Zilpo Campground, the area shall be closed to all statewide seasons, except that

1 there shall be a quota hunt on the second Saturday in December during even-numbered
2 years for mobility-impaired persons.

3 Section 10. Special Areas under Federal Control. (1) The areas established in paragraphs
4 (a) through (e) of this subsection may schedule a gun[firearm], archery, or crossbow deer
5 hunting season between September 1 and January 31:

6 (a) Bluegrass Army Depot;

7 (b) Fort Campbell;

8 (c) Fort Knox;

9 (d) Hidden Valley Training Center; and

10 (e) Wendell Ford Regional Training Center.

11 (2) An area listed in subsection (1) of this section may issue a bonus permit for antlered
12 or antlerless deer, which shall:

13 (a) Not count against a hunter's statewide bag limit; and

14 (b) Only be issued for a hunt that is open to the general public.

15 (3) Except on the Hidden Valley Training area, on the areas listed in subsection (1) of
16 this section, a deer hunter shall:

17 (a) Obtain a permit from the area before hunting;

18 (b) Only hunt on assigned dates;

19 (c) Remain in assigned areas;

20 (d) Tag deer with tags issued on the area, unless otherwise established in this section;

1 (e) Keep the area tag attached to the deer until the carcass is processed; and

2 (f) Check deer at a designated check station before leaving the area.

3 (4) At Bluegrass Army Depot, a person shall not take an antlered deer whose outside
4 antler spread is less than fifteen (15) inches.

5 (5) At Fort Knox, a person shall not take an antlered deer whose outside antler spread
6 is less than twelve (12) inches.

7 (6) At Hidden Valley Training Area, a person shall not use a gun[firearm] to hunt deer.

8 Section 11. Incorporation by Reference. (1) "Quota Hunt Application: Deer Quota Hunt
9 Form", March 2014, is incorporated by reference.

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11 law, at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort,
12 Kentucky 40601, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on March 23, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in the Commission Room of the Arnold L. Mitchell Building, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky. Individuals interested in attending this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five business days prior to the hearing of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled.


This hearing is open to the public. Any person who attends will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made.


If you do not wish to attend the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation through March 31, 2017.

Send written notification of intent to attend the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to:

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Date: 2/14/17

REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

301 KAR 2:178. Deer hunting on Wildlife Management Areas, state parks, other public lands, and federally controlled areas.

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(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does: This regulation establishes the deer hunting seasons, limits, and equipment restrictions under which deer may be taken on wildlife management areas, state parks, and other lands controlled by state or federal government agencies.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: To establish deer hunting seasons, limits, and methods of taking deer to control and manage deer populations and hunting pressure on wildlife management areas, state parks, and other public lands.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: KRS 150.025(1) authorizes the department to promulgate administrative regulations to establish open seasons for the taking of wildlife, to regulate bag limits, and to make these requirements apply to a limited area. KRS 150.390(1) prohibits the taking of deer in any manner contrary to any provisions of KRS Chapter 150 or its administrative regulations. KRS 150.620 authorizes the department to manage public lands for hunting and fishing.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This administrative regulation will assist in the administration of the statute by establishing requirements for effectively managing deer herds on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), state parks, and other public lands, including the establishment of requirements to ensure safe, orderly hunting practices on public lands.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: This amendment requires use of hunter orange-colored material on ground blinds during gun hunts on WMAs and State Parks, increases the daily deer bag limit on WMAs to match that on private land, removes the 15-inch outside antler spread restriction on six WMAs and two State Parks, establishes youth gun deer hunting opportunities on eight WMAs, opens 17 WMAs to the late muzzleloader season, deletes quota deer hunts on two WMAs (but replaces the opportunity lost on one of them with two days of open/non-quota gun hunting), establishes deer hunting regulations for two new WMAs in central and south-central Kentucky, eliminates the final day of a quota hunt on West Kentucky WMA (but

also creates a new, four-day youth deer hunting opportunity there as well), removes the requirement for on-site checking of deer harvested at two State Park quota deer hunts, and establishes new deer hunting opportunities at seven other Parks.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: This amendment is necessary to maximize hunter opportunity without harm to the deer resource.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: See (1)(c) above.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: See (1)(d) above.

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: For the 2015-16 deer season, there were approximately 248,000 resident and 25,000 non-resident Kentucky deer hunters. Additionally, 7,940 people applied for quota deer hunts administered by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: Those who hunt deer on WMAs and state parks must comply with the individual hunt requirements for those sites, as listed in the fall hunting guide produced by the department.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3): There will be no direct cost to hunters as a result of this amendment to the administrative regulation.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3): Deer hunters will benefit from the increased hunting opportunities that will be created and also from the expansion (and improvement) of existing opportunity.

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: There will be no additional cost to the agency to implement this regulation.

(b) On a continuing basis: There will be no additional cost on a continuing basis.

(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: The source of funding is the State Game and Fish Fund.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment:

It will not be necessary to increase a fee or funding to implement this administrative regulation.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation established any fees or directly or indirectly increased any fees: This administrative regulation does not establish or increase any fees directly or indirectly.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? Tiering was not used because all persons who hunt deer on WMAs, state parks, or other public lands are required to abide by these guidelines.

FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Regulation Number: 301 KAR 2:178

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(1) What units, parts, or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation? The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Wildlife and Law Enforcement Divisions will be affected by this regulation.

(2) Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation. KRS 148.029(5), 150.025(1), 150.390(1) and 150.620.

(3) Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.

(a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year? No revenue will be generated for the first year.

(b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years? No revenue will be generated in subsequent years.

(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year? There will be no additional costs to administer this program for the first year.

(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years? There will no additional costs to administer this program in subsequent years.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-):

Expenditures (+/-):

Other Explanation: